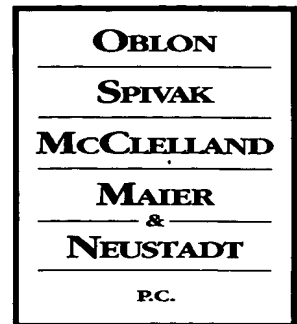




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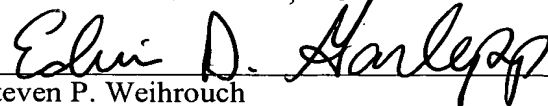
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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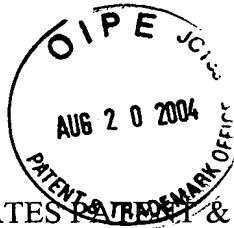
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 20, 2004, Applicants
provisionally elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-32, drawn to a thermal processing
apparatus.

MPEP § 803 states:

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. . . If the search and examination of an entire application can be
made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on
the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or
independent inventions.

However, the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden
would exist if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and all the claims were examined
together. Moreover, the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an
overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully also traverse the outstanding
Restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application
would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

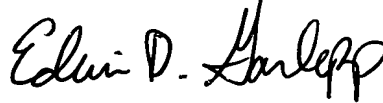
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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-42 be conducted.

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